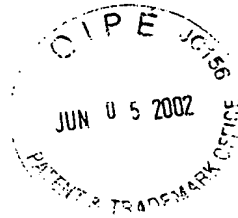


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

1. Pursuant to their duty of disclosure, applicants present for the Examiner's consideration the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

☒ Copies of documents AE and AF are enclosed.

☒ Copies of all the other documents are not enclosed because (1) they are already of record in U.S. Pat. Application No. 09/872,752, filed June 1, 2001, on which this application relies for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120, and (2) any information disclosure statement filed in the prosecution of U.S. Pat. Application No. 09/872,752, complies with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.98(a) and (c). (37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).)

2. ☐ Applicant(s) draw(s) the Examiner's attention to the enclosed copy of copending U.S. Pat. Application No. _____, filed _____, for _____, which is cited in this application.

3. This information disclosure statement is being submitted:

a. ☒ Within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 CFR 1.53(d); within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 in an international application; before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits; or before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114. (No statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e) is required.)

b. ☐ After the period set forth in paragraph 1a, but before the mailing date of either a final action, a notice of allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application. (Check box i. or ii.)

- i. ☐ A \$180.00 information disclosure statement submission fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed.
 - ii. ☐ A statement specified by 37 CFR 1.97(e) is set forth below.
 - c. ☐ After the mailing date of a final action or notice of allowance and on or before payment of an issue fee. A statement specified by 37 CFR 1.97(e) is set forth below. Enclosed is a \$180.00 information disclosure statement processing fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).
4. ☐ The attorney or agent signing below hereby states that:
- ☐ each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement; or
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5. ☐ Applicants set forth below concise explanations of the relevance of each document not in the English language and/or selected documents in the English language.

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